

1 Introduced by House Committee on Energy and Digital Infrastructure

2 Date:

3 Subject: Legislature; joint committees; Joint Carbon Emissions Reduction

4 Committee

5 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to update the  
6 name, the makeup, and the duties of the Joint Carbon Emissions Reduction  
7 Committee.

8 An act relating to the Joint Carbon Emissions Reduction and Energy  
9 Oversight Committee

10 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

11 Sec. 1. 2 V.S.A. § 601 is amended to read:

12 § 601. CREATION OF COMMITTEE

13 (a) There is created a Joint Carbon Emissions Reduction and Energy  
14 Oversight Committee whose membership shall be appointed each biennial  
15 session of the General Assembly. The Committee shall consist of five  
16 Representatives, at least one from the Committees on ~~Appropriations~~ Energy  
17 and Digital Infrastructure, on Commerce and Economic Development, on  
18 Environment, and on Transportation, to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
19 House, and five members of the Senate, at least one from the Committees on  
20 ~~Appropriations, on Finance,~~ Economic Development, Housing and General

1 Affairs; on Natural Resources and Energy; and on Transportation, to be  
2 appointed by the Committee on Committees. Not all appointees shall be from  
3 the same political party.

4 (b) The Committee shall elect a chair and vice chair. The Chair shall rotate  
5 biennially between the House and the Senate members. The Committee may  
6 meet during a session of the General Assembly at the call of the Chair and with  
7 the approval of the Speaker of the House and the President Pro Tempore of the  
8 Senate. The Committee ~~may~~ shall meet ~~up to~~ at least five times during  
9 adjournment. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

10 (c) The Office of Legislative Counsel and the ~~Office of Legislative~~  
11 ~~Operations~~ Joint Fiscal Office shall provide legal, professional, and  
12 administrative assistance to the Committee.

13 (d) For attendance at a meeting when the General Assembly is not in  
14 session, members of the Committee shall be entitled to the same per diem  
15 compensation and expense reimbursement as provided members of standing  
16 committees pursuant to section 23 of this title.

17 Sec. 2. 2 V.S.A. § 603 is amended to read:

18 § 603. DUTIES

19 The Joint Carbon Emissions Reduction Committee shall provide oversight  
20 when the General Assembly is not in session of State policies and activities  
21 concerning the future of energy generation and siting in Vermont and ~~affecting~~

1 carbon emissions from Vermont’s electric, residential and commercial  
2 buildings, and transportation sectors.

3 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.